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Inmate Death at FMC Lexington

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, April 27, 2020, inmate Richard Saettel was admitted to the local hospital and placed on a ventilator with worsening hypoxemia and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). On Wednesday, April 29, 2020, Mr. Saettel tested positive for COVID-19. On Thursday, May 14, 2020, he was pronounced dead by hospital staff, with immediate cause of death listed as Septic Shock due to COVID-19 Pneumonia.

Mr. Saettel was a 66 year-old male sentenced in the Western District of Kentucky to a 7-month sentence for a supervised release violation of the original offense of Persuade, Induce and Entice a Minor to Engage in Sexual Activity. Mr. Saettel had been in the custody of FMC Lexington since March 31, 2020.

FMC Lexington is an Administrative security facility that currently houses 1396 inmates.

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